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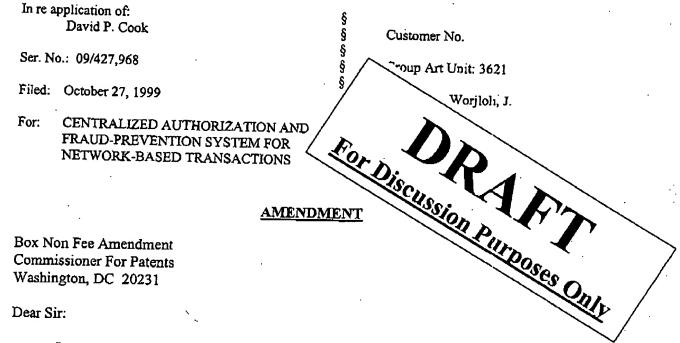
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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In response to the Office action mailed May 2, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

## In The Claims:

Please amend the following claims:

1. (Amended) A system for authorizing a credit transaction between a customer and an e-commerce merchant, the system comprising:

means for identifying rights to use a charge account identified by a first account number;

a database for storing the first account number, and for receiving and storing a first signature phrase responsive to a positive identification of rights to use the charge account;

an interface for receiving a second account number and a second signature phrase from the customer; and

a comparator for comparing the first and second account numbers and the first and second signature phrases;

whereby the system authorizes the credit transaction upon a successful comparison of the